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DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first, joint inventor (if more than one name is listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

Title

VEGETABLE RETAINER FOR VEGETABLE COOKING UTENSIL

a copy of which is being filed herewith.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, section 119 of the foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate listed below:

Prior Foreign Application

Number	Country	Day/Month/Year Filed

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, section 1.56.

Power of Attorney

I hereby appoint the following attorneys to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith, Paul A. Fattibene, Registration No. 31,694, and Arthur T. Fattibene, Registration No. 17,804. Please address all telephone calls and correspondence to:

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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VERIFIED STATEMENT CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS
SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN

I hereby declare that I am an official empowered to act on behalf of the Small Business Concern doing business as,
Small Business Concern

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I hereby declare that the Small Business Concern identified above qualifies as a Small Business Concern as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(d) for purposes of paying reduced fees under section 41(a) and (b) to Title 35, United States Code with regard to the invention entitled;

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invented by

Inventor(s)

<i>Name(s)</i>	Hajime YAMAMOTO
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I hereby declare that rights under contract or law have been conveyed to and remain with the Small Business Concern, or if the rights are not exclusive, that all other rights belong to small entities, listed below if any, as defined in 37 CFR 1.9, with regard to the above identified invention.

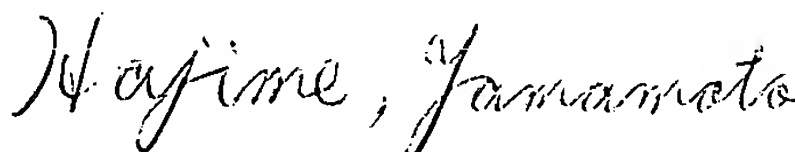
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A separate verified statement is required from each entity having rights to the invention.

I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate. (37 CFR 1.28(b))

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<i>Name</i> Hajime Yamamoto	<i>Signature</i> 	<i>Date</i> July, 8, 2003
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